

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 7 and 12-15 remain in this application, where claims 1 and 12 are independent.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice. Further, the specification has been amended for better clarity and conformance with FIG 1.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to because FIG 1 includes reference numerals 3, 4 and 5 which are not mentioned in the description. In response, the specification has been amended to include the reference numerals 3, 4 and 5. It is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings has been overcome and an indication as such is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings

for not labeling FIG 8 as Prior Art and having lines that are not clearly identified. In response, FIG 8 has been amended to include the legend --Prior Art-- and to clearly identify the lines and graphs using reference numerals 1-5. A replacement sheet including FIG 8 is enclosed. Applicants respectfully requests approval of the enclosed proposed drawing changes and withdrawal of the drawing objection.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification for certain informalities. In response, the specification has been amended to remove the informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 6 and 11 for a certain informality. By means of the present amendment, claims 6 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of claims 6 and 11 renders moot this rejection with regard to these claims.


In the Office Action, claims 4-6 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse

this rejection. However, in the interest of advancing prosecution, claims 4-6 and 8-11 have been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of claims 4-6 and 8-11 renders moot this rejection with regard to these claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-3, 7 and 12-15 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1-3, 7 and 12-15 are allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement drawing sheet (1 sheet including FIG 8)

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